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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)

DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference

I encourage your fire and emergency services professionals to participate in the seventh annual Department of Defense (DoD) Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference scheduled for August 22-29, in Kansas City, Missouri. The DoD Training Conference is held with the International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference and Fire Rescue International exhibits. On August 28, we will recognize DoD's fire department, military and civilian fire fighters, military and civilian fire officers, and heroism awardees, at the DoD Fire and Emergency Service Awards Banquet. In view of scarce resources, we have shortened next year's program by one day and our conference will now conclude following the DoD Awards Banquet evening.

The tragic terrorist acts at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon highlighted the importance of solidifying our DoD and civilian sector partnerships. In that regard, Congressman Curt Weldon, founder of the Congressional Fire Caucus, will give the keynote speech on Homeland Security at the Conference.

Because this year's fire and emergency services training conference is again near the end of the fiscal year, I urge you to plan ahead to assure maximum participation at this unique event.

My point of contact is Mr. Craig Schilder at (703) 604-1612 or craig.schilder@osd.mil he is available to answer any questions.

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